suggestions received from various quarters including Chambers of Commerce are taken into consideration.

Trade between India and Nepal

473. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Nepal trade ties have since been normalised;

(b if so, whether all the trade and transit disputes between India and Nepal have been finally resolved;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has also resumed supply of essential items like petrol to Nepal; and

(d) if so, to what extent the trade ties between the two countries have been normalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) to (d) Trade and Transit relations between India and Nepal have been restored to *status quo ante* as on April, 1987. There is no trade and transit dispute between the two countries. India has resumed supply of essential items including petrol to Nepal as before. The trade relations between the two countries are very good.

Policy changes pertaining to 100 per cent Export Oriented Units

474. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of policy changes are being considered for the 100 percent export oriented units;

(b) whether one of the main changes is the introduction of permanent concession; and

(c) if so, what are the other changes that are likely to be effected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The detials of the policy changes are still being worked out.

Development of tourist spots to attract foreign tourists

475. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop some other tourist spots in the country to attract foreign tourists due to the disturbed conditions in Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what other steps Government propose to take to attract foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c) Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, which is a continuous process. In order to strengthen tourism infrastruncture, the Government has taken up schemes for providing financial support to State Governments for creating tourism facilities at selected tourist centres in the country

Construction of new hotels for low budget tourists by ITDC

476. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC proposes to construct new hotels for low budget tourists in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?